GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Services - MA&UD Department - Machilipatnam Municipality - Allegations of misappropriation of Municipal funds and improper maintenance of records etc. in Machilipatnam Municipality – Disciplinary proceedings instituted against Sri A.Venkateswara Rao, the then TPBO, Machilipatnam Municipality -- Inquiry conducted – Imposing a penalty of " withholding of one (1) annual grade increment with cumulative effect" – Orders – Issued.

MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATION & URBAN DEVELOPMENT (VIG.II) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No.414 **Dated.16.05.2024.**

Read the following:

1. From the Director General, G.A. (V&E) Department, Alert Note No.69, (C.No.2056/V&E/DI/06) dated.16.07.2009.
2. G.O.Rt.No.438,MA&UD (E1) Department, dated.21.04.2010.
3. G.O.Rt.No:444, MAUD (Vig.II.1) Dept., dt.20.06.2017.
4. G.O.Rt.No.529, MAUD (Vig.II.1) Dept., dt 26.08.2019.
5. Inquiry Report of Sri.G.Nagaraju, RDMA & Inquiry Officer, Visakhapatnam, Lr. Roc.No. 498/2017/A3, dt: 12.01.2023.
6. Govt. Memo.No.17848/Vig.II/2009/A1(E-336133), Dated: 17.04.2023.
7. Written representation of Sri A.Venkateswara Rao, the then TPBO, Machilipatnam Municipality, dated.19.06.2023 received through the DTCP, A.P., Lr.Roc.No.806/2010/V.Cell, dt.04.07.2023.
8. G.O.MS.No.124, GA(SER.A) Dept., dt.04.12.2023.

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O R D E R:-

Whereas, based on the report of G.A. (V&E) Department in the reference 1st cited above, Government initiated disciplinary proceedings against Sri A.Venkateswara Rao, the then TPBO, Machilipatnam Municipality and others, on the allegations of misappropriation of Municipal funds and improper maintenance of records etc. in Machilipatnam Municipality vide G.O., 2nd read above.

2. After following due procedure, the Government vide reference 3rd read above, appointed Sri T. Sakala Reddy, the then RDMA, Rajahmundry as an Inquiry Officer. Upon his retirement, Sri.G.Naga Raju, RDMA, Rajahmundry was appointed, as an Inquiry Officer in place of T.Sakala Reddy to inquire into the charges framed against Sri A.Venkateswara Rao, the then TPBO and others of Machilipatnam Municipality vide reference 4th read above.

3. The Inquiry Authority conducted inquiry into the charges framed against the said charged officer and submitted his report, vide reference 5th read above. The Inquiry Authority stated that all the two (2) charges framed against the charged officer are held proved.

4. In the reference 6th read above, Government have accepted the findings of the Inquiry Officer and communicated a copy of inquiry report to the charged officer Sri A.Venkateswara Rao, the then TPBO, Machilipatnam Municipality, with a direction to submit his written representation if any, on the findings of the Inquiry Officer in terms of Rule 21 (2) of APCS (CCA) Rules, 1991.

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5. The charged officer, vide reference 7th read above submitted his written representation and stated that when he approached the then Commissioner, Machilipatnam Municipality about handing over the charge, the then Commissioner instructed verbally to follow the instructions of the then TPO being his section head and then he approached the Town Planning Officer and as per his instructions he kept the entire records and registers which were pointed out in the charge along with the advertisement tax registers, pending disposal files in the almira of the TPBO. He has requested to consider the objections submitted on Inquiry report and to drop further action against him by condoning the delay occurred in this regard.

6. Government have examined the written representation of delinquent officer , keeping in view the findings of the Inquiry Officer and observed that he has not furnished any evidence to the affect to support his claim. As such, the written representation of the charged officer is not convincing.

7. Government have examined the matter and decided to impose a penalty of " withholding of one (1) annual grade increment with cumulative effect" against Sri A.Venkateswara Rao, the then TPBO, Machilipatnam Municipality, under Rule 9 of A.P.C.S (CC&A) Rules, 1991, as all the charges were held proved against the charged officer.

8. Accordingly, the Government hereby impose a penalty of "withholding of one (1) annual grade increment with cumulative effect" against the charged officer Sri A.Venkateswara Rao, the then TPBO, Machilipatnam Municipality., as all the charges were held proved against him in the Inquiry.

9. The Director of Town & Country Planning., A.P., Mangalagiri shall take necessary further action in the matter accordingly.

10. The receipt of the G.O., shall be acknowledged.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

Y. SRILAKSHMI
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
Sri A.Venkateswara Rao, the then TPBO,
Machilipatnam Municipality - **through** the DTCP, A.P., Mangalagiri.
The Director of Town & Country Planning., A.P., Mangalagiri.
Copy to:
The Director General, G.A. (V&E) Department, A.P., Vijayawada.
The Secretary to A.P. Vigilance Commission, 5th Block, A.P. Secretariat.
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SECTION OFFICER